

Please replace the following claims as rewritten below:

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2. (Amended) Method according to Claim 18, characterized in that the confidence value is a value from an interval between a number, preferably 1, corresponding to reliable identification, and that for an input which cannot be identified, corresponding to 0, including these values.

3. (Amended) Method according to Claim 18, characterized in that the identified terms are announced and/or displayed to a user as a system response, starting with the term identified as being the most reliable, on the basis of their overall probability.

4. (Amended) Method according to Claim 18, characterized in that, for each identified term, those data records which are appropriate for the identified terms are looked for in a list of stored data records.

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9. (Amended) Method according to Claim 18, characterized in that the probability value for a data record corresponds to the ratio of the number of times this data record has been used to the total number of times all the data records have been used.

10. (Amended) Method according to Claim 9, characterized in that an announcement/display sequence of the data records is defined as a function of their overall probability.

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12. (Amended) Method according to Claim 18, characterized in that, if the input is a voice input, the confidence value is established in the normal manner for voice recognition.

14. (Amended) Method according to Claim 18, characterized in that the input is made via an alphanumeric input device, with the terms entered in this way first of all being assigned the confidence value for reliable identification.

17. (Amended) Method according to Claim 18, characterized in that the input is an image input.

Please add the following claim:

18. (New) Method for inputting data into a system comprising the steps of:

in response to an input by a user, identifying one or more terms, which are as appropriate as possible for this input;

defining a confidence value for each of said identified terms;

calculating an overall probability from the confidence value of the identified term and a probability value of a matching data record, said probability value describing the probability of the data record being used again; and

processing said identified terms according to said overall probability.

REMARKS

Status of the Claims

Applicant has cancelled independent claims 1 and 8 and added new claim 18 to accentuate the novel features of the